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Environmental Initiatives of ERG's Arlington, Virginia Office

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Recycling Works! Expo

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What is ERG?

Multidisciplinary consulting firm with more than 350 professionals

- Communications specialists
- Environmental Analysts
- Policy Analysts
- Writers & editors
- Graphic designers & multimedia specialists
- Economists, engineers, & scientists
- Web developers
- Software engineers & programmers
- Media & event planners

ERG's Arlington Office

Location: Courthouse Area of Arlington, Virginia

Facility Type: Office Building

Facility Information: Leased 30% of rentable space in building

Employees: 46

Key Functional Areas:

- Offices
- Kitchens
- Copy Rooms
- Conference Rooms





ERG's Program

Key Steps ERG followed in developing/revitalizing it's program

- Established a Green Team
- Defined Mission
- Reviewed existing activities
- Identified potential new activities
- Implemented selected activities
- Established measurement
- Review and reevaluate

Prior to ERG's New Program

Prior to 2002 ERG possessed a basic program to:

Recycle:

- White office paper
- Corrugated boxes
- Aluminum cans

Reuse:

- Packaging materials
- Office supplies



Launch of ERG's New Program

Expanded Recycled Materials to Include:

- Mixed office paper
- Magazines and catalogues
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles
- Glass bottles
- Metal cans
- CDs and diskettes
- Plastic shopping bags
- FedEx Tyvek envelopes
- Computers
- Clothes

Rolled out new recycling program
using Mini-Bin



Further Improvements

2003

- Added onsite composting of food waste
- Added cell phone collection

2004

- Added video tape recycling

2005

- Condensed mixed paper stream
- Condensed bottles and cans



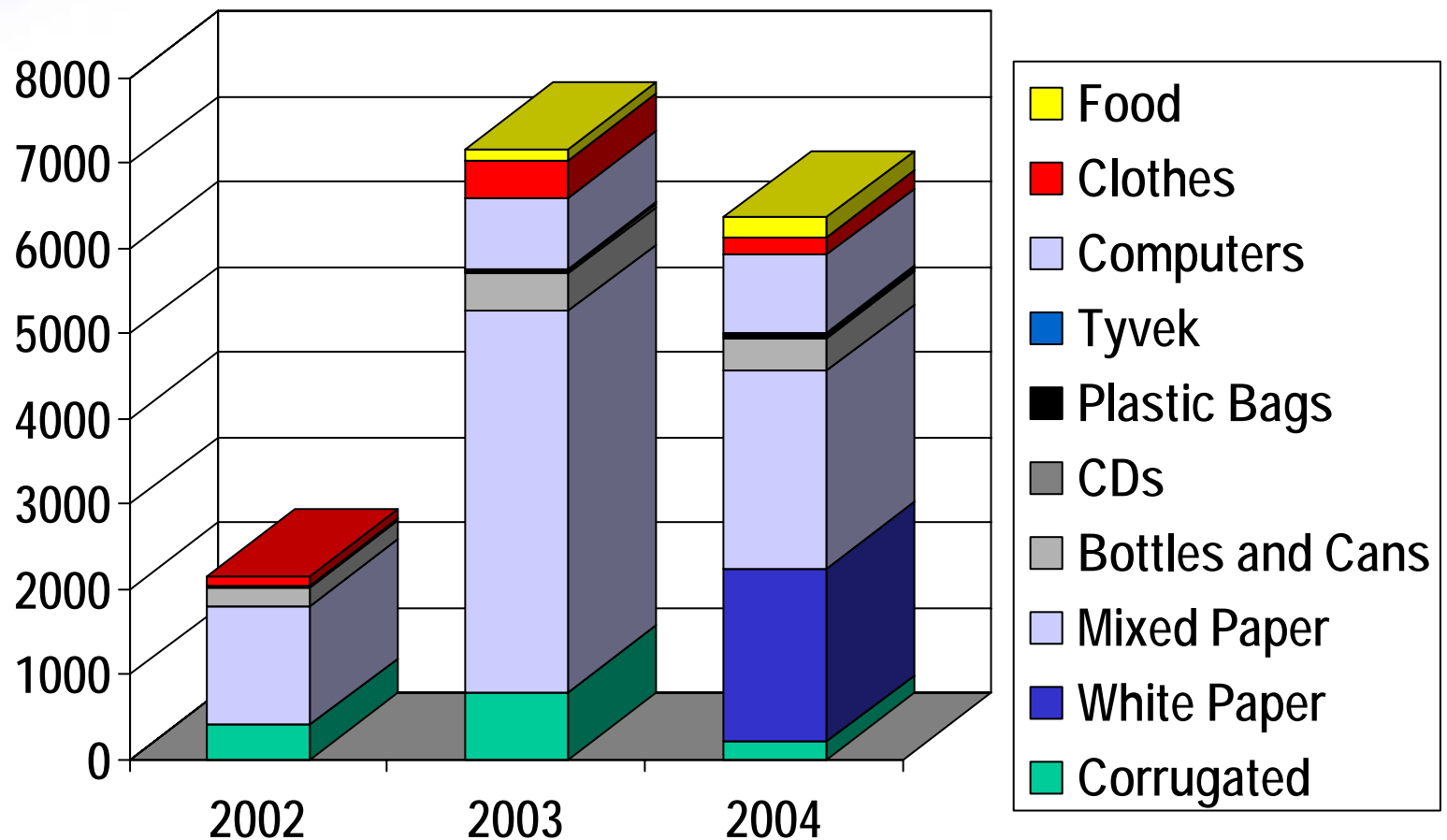


Measurement

ERG tracks recycled materials with two different methods:

- 1. Estimation of ERG's portion of materials collected by the building**
- 2. Direct measurement of additional materials collected by ERG**

Tracking





Other Initiatives

Environmentally Friendly Purchasing

- Recycled content products
- Remanufactured products
- Reusable/refillable products
- Biodegradable products

Commuter Benefits

- Subsidize alternative modes of transportation

Green Power

- Purchase agreement for pollution-free renewable energy representing 24% of total energy use



2004 Results

Recycling

- Achieved 66.3% recycling rate
- Reduced air emissions by 3 MTCE

Composting increased by 78%

Environmentally Friendly Purchasing reduced air emissions by 1.34 MTCE

Commuter benefits reduced air emissions by 4 MTCE



Awards and Recognition

2005

- **Businesses for the Bay Partner of the Year**
- **Virginia Recycling Association Outstanding Business Recycling Program**

2004

- **Businesses for the Bay Outstanding Achievement For Pollution Prevention in a Small Facility**
- **Virginia Recycling Association Outstanding Business Recycling Program**



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